

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 12-15 are added. The Applicants respectfully submit no new matter is introduced.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-15 are pending and under consideration.

II. SPECIFICATION

The Office Action asserts the title is not descriptive. The Applicants have amended the title. In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit the title is clear on its face.

**III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-11 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE
OVER WO 01/31893 (HAERMAE) IN VIEW OF US 2002/0186315 (YOSHIDA ET AL.)**

Haermae describes a mobile phone and relates to a mobile phone with a plurality of cameras. Although Haermae is provided with a plurality of cameras, it fails to describe selecting from such cameras as needed.

At Item 3 of pages 2-3, the Office Action contends the image capture selecting unit of claim 1 of the present application is the Radio Transmitter/Receiver 20 of Haermae. (See Harmae, FIG. 4). However, upon review of the cited reference and the cited portion, the Applicants are unable to find a description which indicates that the Radio Transmitter/Receiver 20 of Haermae participates in the selection of cameras 12 and 13. (See Haermae, Fig. 4).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit Haermae fails to teach or suggest an image capture selecting unit selecting at least either of said first image capture unit and said second image capture unit as recited in claim 1 of the present application.

The Office Action further contends the shooting controlling unit of claim 1 of the present application is the Radio Transmitter/Receiver 20 of Haermae. The Office Action supports such a contention within the Specification of Haermae at page 2, lines 1-5. The cited portion states, "the mobile phone ... makes it possible to take still pictures ... simultaneously in opposite directions." (See Harmae, page 2, lines 1-5). The Applicants respectfully submit that the cited portion does not teach or suggest a shooting controlling unit taking a shot by using at least either

of said first image capture unit and said second image capture unit, which is selected by said image capture selecting unit as recited in claim 1 of the present application.

Furthermore, the Office Action concedes Haermae fails to teach the use of illuminating devices. The Office Action asserts Yoshida cures this conceded deficiency of Haermae.

Yoshida describes a video still camera, and relates to carrying out low angle or high angle photographing without changing an angle of a user's hand holding a camera body. (See Yoshida, Abstract). Regarding the citation to Yoshida, the Office Action fails to describe where in Yoshida the light selecting unit of claim 1 of the present application is taught. Furthermore, the Applicants are unable to find a teaching or suggestion within Yoshida which describes the light selecting unit of claim 1 of the present application.

Further to the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit Yoshida fails to teach or suggest a light selecting unit selecting at least either of said first light and said second light based on a selection made by said image capture selecting unit as recited in claim 1 of the present application.

Although the above comments are specifically direct to claim 1 of the present application for example, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims over the cited references.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted the rejection is overcome.

IV. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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